

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 2-14 and 16-26, by the Examiner, is noted with appreciation.

By this Amendment, minor antecedent basis errors are corrected in claims 12 and 22. Further, claim 3 is amended to correctly depend from claim 2, not claim 12. Lastly, claim 14 and 24 are amended to provide the article "a" before the word "surface."

This Amendment is being presented promptly after the discovery of the need therefor. This Amendment does not introduce any new matter, does not present any new issues, does not require any additional search, and will not present an undue burden on the personnel of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Reasons for Allowance recites, "the claimed first lens unit that comprises the reflecting surface being overall negative." Thus, the Reasons for Allowance appears to imply that the reflective surface is overall negative. This is in error as each of claims 12, 13, 22, and 23 recites, "a first lens unit being overall negative and including a reflecting surface." In other words, the first lens unit is overall negative, not the reflecting surface.

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CONCLUSION

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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